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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 11th, 1878, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted, and that the same be printed for distribution.

A true copy of record,

Attest :

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Peabody Institute.

In presenting to the town the Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, with the usual accompanying documents, we feel happy in noting with just pride and satisfaction the flourishing condition of the Institute.

The general prosperity throughout all the departments will be readily observed from the reports of the Treasurer and the Committees, who have devoted no inconsiderable care to the different duties assigned them.

An improvement of much importance and great interest to the large numbers that attend the entertainments in the lecture room are the new doors which have been placed in the front entrance of the building. These doors are so constructed as to swing outward as

well as inward, as also have the side doors in the tower end. This precaution has been taken in order to afford an unobstructed egress to the audience in case of fire, or any unusual alarm.

During the past year a question arose as to the expediency of letting the lecture hall for theatrical purposes, etc., and the following vote has been adopted by the Trustees :

VOTED, That it is not prudent or proper that the hall of the Institute should be used for theatrical or dramatic entertainments, or for any purpose which will endanger the recovery of insurance on our policies in case of loss by fire; and that the Board of Trustees will cordially sustain the Committee on Buildings in such a policy in regard to the general use of the hall as their Committee shall deem most promotive of the objects and purposes of the Founder of the Institute.

The Trustees were reluctant in taking such action, but it had become a matter of necessity. A question is now being agitated to have the insurance policies so amended that foot-lights may be used in front of the platform.

In regard to the financial condition of the Institute, it gives us pleasure to state that it continues to be in a very healthy and prosperous condition, under the able management of the treasurer, Mr. George A. Osborne,

who deserves much praise for the general neatness and accuracy of his accounts.

The fund of \$20,000, set apart for accumulation in 1870, and to be used for some future requirement, now amounts to \$29,927.77, an increase of nearly fifty per cent. in eight years; the accumulation for the past year being \$1,466.91. The Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library fund (\$20,000), endowed by Mrs. Eliza Sutton October 15, 1866, and invested in City of Boston 5 per cent. gold bonds, yielded the past year by interest and premium, \$1038.74. The Peabody High School Medal fund of \$2,000.00 is invested in 10-40 government bonds, and the annual income of \$100.00 has been paid over to the chairman of the Peabody School Committee. The general fund of the Institute—exclusive of the Institute building and land, library, portraits, etc., together with the E. D. Sutton Reference Library, and the Medal Fund—amounts to \$117,750.00; an increase of \$2,300.00 over the previous year. This, with the increase in the fund for accumulation, creates an aggregate for the past year of \$3,766.91.

The Lyceum and Library Committee—of which Mr. Thomas M. Stimpson is chairman—present, as usual, a favorable report, and the officials in this department deserve commendation for their promptness and faithful-

ness. We regret to learn, however, that in the Library breaches of decorum were noticeable early in the year, but were soon suppressed by gentle admonition and slight police surveillance.

The Standing Committee on Library—J. Henry Osgood, chairman—report that in the library room new alcoves have been built the past season, capable of accommodating some 3000 volumes. In regard to the number of works circulated, it varies but little from the previous year; 30,486 volumes were borrowed during the past year, 37 less than the year before. A very noticeable feature in the report, is that the books of fiction have been in greatest demand of the whole number borrowed; 75 per cent. were of this class, showing very plainly the kind of literature best appreciated by our reading public. History, scientific and philosophical works are sadly at a discount. The number of new books purchased the past year is 1097 volumes.

In behalf of the Standing Committee on Lectures, Mr. James N. Ham, the chairman, states that the Lecture Course has been attended with marked success. The hall, crowded to overflowing every evening, bears evidence that the course was appreciated. It is to be regretted that the Committee were unable to furnish three or four scientific lectures in the course, owing to

the fact that a scholar of acknowledged ability and success could not be readily secured to deliver such.

In glancing over the Librarian's Report, we feel assured that the duties of this important department have been discharged during the past year in the usual able and systematic manner by the Librarian, Mr. Theodore M. Osborne. The Library now contains 18,000 volumes; about one-third of them have been added since the catalogue of 1872 was issued, and the Librarian deems a supplementary catalogue necessary.

The Treasurer of the Lyceum and Library Committee—Mr. F. C. Merrill—presents a very favorable report of the finances of this department. For salaries, lecturers, new books, etc., \$4,295.72 have been disbursed, and there is an unexpended balance of \$565.69 in the treasury. The amount disbursed for the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library the past year has been \$559.19. Income from the fund, \$1,038.34; balance in hands of the treasurer, including balance of 1877, \$887.89.

The chairman of the Sub-Committee in charge of the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library—Mr. Benjamin C. Perkins—in his report acknowledges the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Sutton in presenting to the Reference Library, of which she is founder and patron, a copy of the

famous Milton Shield. It was purchased at the Centennial Exhibition by the generous donor. The original shield, of which this is a *fac simile*, was made for the Paris Exhibition in 1867, and is the unaided work of Morel Ladoeuil. The subjects selected for illustration on the shield are taken from Milton's "Paradise Lost," sixth book. It forms a new and beautiful feature of this library.

Before closing this report, we feel that it is incumbent on the Trustees to refer to the valuable services of the faithful Janitor of the Institute, Mr. John H. Teague, whose genial face has been seen about the building for a quarter of a century, during which time he has won the good will and respect of all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance.


In conclusion, we congratulate the citizens of Peabody upon the prosperity of the Peabody Institute, which the noble-hearted Philanthropist was pleased to found for "the spread of knowledge and morality among the people of his native town."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees,
CHAS. D. HOWARD.

Peabody, March 9, 1878.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

(BOARD OF TRUSTEES)



The Treasurer hereby presents to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, the seven following accounts and statements of the financial affairs of the Institute for the year ending February 25, 1876.

- No. 1. The General Current Account.
2. The Reserved Fund Account.
3. The Reserved Fund Statement.
4. The Sutton Reference Library Account.
5. The Peabody High School Medal Fund
Account.
6. The Real Estate and Invested Fund
Statement.
7. Schedule of Insurance on property of
the Institute.

GENERAL CURRENT ACCOUNT.

<i>Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treas.</i>			Dr.
1877.			\$ 79 06
April	3,	To paid Gas bill, quarter ending April 1,	175 00
	3,	" Janitor's salary, 1 quarter . . .	
	7,	" Library and Lyceum Committee	1500 00
		Department	1 00
	17,	" Hubbard's bill, protecting trees	
June	4,	" Renewal of Insurance on the	27 00
		two houses	32 44
		Gas bill, quarter ending July 1 .	35 86
July	1,	" J. O. Whitten's bill	18 00
	3,	" Acqueduct bill	174 67
	3,	" Mayhew S. Clark's bill	175 00
	5,	" Janitor's salary, 1 quarter . . .	116 20
	5,	" Potter, Batchelder & Co's bill .	60 43
	14,	" Samuel Trask's bill	6 80
Aug.	17,	" Edward Giddings' bill	95 00
	20,	" Edward Giddings' bill	25 85
	20,	" T. Pinnock & Son's bill	
	20,	" Library and Lyceum Committee	1500 00
Sept.	29,	Department	33 00
		Gas bill, quarter ending Oct. 1 .	3 75
Oct.	1,	" Hubbard for tree protectors . .	175 00
	10,	" Janitor's salary	2301 17
	10,	" 2 Boston City 6 per cent. Bonds	13 33
	12,	" W. Goldthwait's bill for matting	13 48
	31,	" J. H. Teague's bill for sundries .	4 50
	31,	" I. Hardy's bill for bark	
	31,	" Renewal of Insurance on Insti-	220 25
Nov.	7,	tute, Library etc.	2 68
	10,	" Clement & Pinder's bill	18 00
	10,	" Acqueduct bill	5 00
Dec.	4,	" Tuning Piano	
	19,	"	91 20
1878.			
Jan.	1,	" Gas bill, quarter ending Jan. 1 .	
	2,	" Library and Lyceum Committee	1500 00
		Department	

	7,	"	Janitor's salary	175 00
	9,	"	J. O. Whitten's bill	35 90
	12,	"	Samuel Trask's bill	11 70
	16,	"	Henry P. Ives' bill	23 35
	17,	"	Daniel B. Lord Jr.'s bill	58 91
	21,	"	Daniel F. Staten's bill	16 39
	23,	"	Watering streets	25 00
Feb.	12,	"	Chas. G. Folsom's bill	5 42
			Balance	1210 04
				<hr/> 10.065 38
			1877.	Cr.
Feb.	26,	By	Balance	2,464 35
April	5,	"	Dividend Warren National Bank	15 00
	6,	"	6 month's interest on Town notes	2,362 50
	26,	"	April Coupon, City of Lawrence Bond	30 00
	26,	"	City of Boston Gold Bond and premium	26 75
July	7,	"	Gold interest on \$28,000 Mass. 5 per cent Bonds \$700 00	
			Premium, 5½ per cent.	36 75
				<hr/> 736 75
	17,	"	Gold interest, City of Providence Bond	26 31
	17,	"	2 City of Boston Coupons at \$30	60 00
Aug.	6,	"	Use of Hall	66 00
	6,	"	Rents for quarter ending April 1	237 50
Oct.	6,	"	6 month's interest on Town notes	2,362 50
	9,	"	Gold interest on City of Boston Coupons	25 64
	10,	"	October coupon, City of Lawrence Bond	30 00
	17,	"	Dividend Warren National Bank,	15 00
	31,	"	Rents for quarter ending July 1	237 50
	31,	"	Use of Hall	16 50
			1878.	
Jan.	1,	"	2 City of Boston coupons	60 00
	7,	"	Gold interest on \$28,000 Mass 5 per cent Gold Bonds \$700 00	
			Premium, 2 9-16 per cent.	17 94
				<hr/> 717 94
	7,	"	Gold interest on City of Providence Bond	25 64
	7,	"	Rents for quarter ending Oct. 1	237 50
Feb.	2,	"	Use of Hall	74 50

		237 50
2,	Rents for quarter ending Jan. 1.	
		<u>10,065 38</u>
1878.		
		1,210 04
Feb. 25,	By Balance	

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

Correct—Attest:

EDWARD W. JACOBS, }
C. F. WINCHESTER, } Financial Committee.
WARREN SHAW, }

RESERVED FUND ACCOUNT

Trustees Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treasurer.

Dr.

1878.			
Jan. 11,	To paid for Boston & Albany Railroad		
	Bond at 106½	1,065 00	
	9 day's interest	1 50	
		<u>1,066 50</u>	
	Balance	654 77	
		<u>1,721 27</u>	
		Cr.	
		252 86	
Feb. 26,	By Balance	30 00	
April 26,	" April coupon, City of Lawrence .		
" 26,	" April interest on Boston Gold Bond	24 75	
	and premium	36 00	
May 8,	" May coupon, City of Fall River .		
July 7,	" Gold interest on \$20,000 00 Mass. 5		
	per cent. Bonds	500 00	
	Premium, 5½ per cent.	26 25	
		<u>526 25</u>	
17,	" Gold interest, City of Providence	26 31	
	Bond and Premium	15 00	
17,	" City of Taunton coupon	43 75	
Aug. 6,	" Rent for quarter ending April 1 .		
Oct. 9,	" October interest on Boston Gold	25 65	
	Bond	30 00	
10,	" October coupon, City of Lawrence	43 75	
31,	" Rent for quarter ending July 1 .		
Nov. 13,	" November coupon, City of Fall	30 00	
	River		

1878.			
Jan.	1,	" 1 City of Taunton coupon	15 00
	7,	" Gold interest on \$20,000 00 Mass. 5 per cent. Bonds 500 00 Premium, 2 9-16 per cent. 12 81	
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	7,	" Gold interest on City of Providence Bond	512 81
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	7,	" Rent for quarter ending Oct. 1 . .	25 64
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Feb.	2,	" Rent for quarter ending Jan. 1 . .	43 75
			<hr/>
			43 75
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1878.			1,721 27
			<hr/>
Feb.	25,	By Balance	654 77
G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.			

RESERVED FUND STATEMENT.

Fund first set apart for accumulation, consisting of 4 Certificates, of \$5000 00 each of Massachusetts 5 per cent. Gold Bearing Bonds			20,000 00
Accumulations of same and investments as follows:			
		Hammond House on Wallis St.	3,550 00
		1 City of Lawrence Bond	940 00
		1 City of Fall River Bond	990 00
		1 City Providence Registered Gold Bond	1,050 00
		1 City of Boston Gold Bond	1,125 00
		1 City of Taunton Bond	555 00
		1 Boston & Albany Railroad Bond . . .	1,065 00
		Cash on hand	654 77
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			9,929 77
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			\$29,929 77
G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.			

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FUND.

ENDOWED BY MRS. ELIZA SUTTON, OCT 15, 1866.

Trustees Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treas.

1877.

Dr.

Aug. 11,	To paid F. C. Merrill, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee, the April interest on this Fund	525 62
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Oct. 9, " F. C. Merrill, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee, the October interest on this Fund	513 12
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	1,038 74
	Cr.
1877.	
Aug. 11, By 6 month's interest to April 1st on \$20,000 00 City of Boston 5 per cent. Gold Bearing Bonds 500 00	
Premium, 5 1-8 per cent. 25 62	
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	525 62
Oct. 9, " 6 month's interest to October 1st on \$20,000 00 City of Boston 5 per cent. Gold Bearing Bonds 500 00	
Premium, 2 5-8 per cent. 13 12	
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	513 12
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	1,038 74
G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.	

PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

<i>Trustees Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treas.</i>	Dr.
1878.	
To paid Chairman of the School Committee 4 Gold Bearing Coupons of \$25 00 each	100 00
	Cr.
1878.	100 00
By one year's Gold interest on 2 U. S. 10-40 Bonds	
G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.	
Peabody, Feb. 25, 1878.	

INVESTED FUNDS AND REAL ESTATE OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Four Certificates of \$5000 00 each of Massa- chusetts Registered Bonds, No. 461 to 480 inclusive	20,000 00
Four Certificates of the same as follows:	
No. 106	1,000 00
" 107	1,000 00
" 108	1,000 00
" 112	5,000 00
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	8,000 00

Three Shares in Warren National Bank . . .	300 00
Two Town of Peabody Notes dated October 6, 1874, payable in six years from date with interest at 6½ per cent. annually,	
One Note for	62,000 00
" " 	8,000 00
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	70,000 00
Two Dwelling Houses, one of brick on the easterly side, the other of wood on the westerly side of the land on which the Institute building is located	12,000 00
The Peabody Institute building and land, together with its Library, Portraits and Cabinet of Valuables. Not appraised.	
One City of Boston Bond, No. 652	1,010 00
" " " " No. 10276	1,025 00
One City of Lawrence Bond, No. 100	940 00
One Certificate of Registered Bond of City of Providence, Gold Bearing No. 163,	1,050 00
One City of Boston Gold Bearing 5 per cent. Bond, No. 1118	1,125 00
Two City of Boston 6 per cent. Bonds . . .	2,800 00
Reserved Fund Property as follows:	
Four Certificates, No. 79 to 82 inclusive, of Mass. 5 per cent. Gold Bonds of \$5,000 00 each	20 000 00
Hammond House on Wallis street . . .	3,550 00
One City of Lawrence Bond	940 00
One City of Fall River Bond	990 00
One City of of Providence Certificate of Gold Registered Bond	1,050 00
One City of Boston 5 per cent Gold Bond	1,125 00
One City of Taunton Bond	555 00
One Boston and Albany Railroad Bond .	1,065 00
Cash on hand	654 77
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	29,929 77
High School Medal Fund consisting of two U. S. 10-40 Bonds	2,000 00
Eben Sutton Reference Library Fund consisting of City of Boston 5 per cent. Gold Bearing Bonds.	20,000 00
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	169,679 77

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

INSURANCE OF PEABODY INSTITUTE PROPERTY, FEBRUARY, 1878.

On Peabody Institute Building	25,000 00
On two Dwelling Houses	5,000 00
On Peabody Institute Library	9,500 00
On Peabody Portrait	1,000 00
On Everett Portrait	150 00
On Peabody Bust	400 00
On Piano and Furniture	300 00

SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

On Book Cases and Furniture	5,000 00
On Books	2,000 00
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	7,000 00

RESERVED FUND PROPERTY.

On Hanunond House	1,000 00
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	49,350 00

The following are the policies insuring the above property and time of expiration

South Danvers Mutual, expires June 1, 1884	2,000 00
“ “ “ June 1, 1884	3,000 00
“ “ “ Aug. 1, 1879	550 00
“ “ “ March 1, 1881	450 00
“ “ “ July 1, 1882	5,000 00
Essex Mutual, Salem, expires July 1, 1882	5,000 00
Salem Mutual, Salem, expires May 1, 1880	3,000 00
Merchants' and Farmers' Mutual, Worcester, Massachusetts, expires May 1, 1880	4,000 00
Liverpool, London and Globe, expires Nov. 19, 1880 .	14,000 00
London Assurance Corporation, expires Nov. 19, 1880 .	12,350 00
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	49,350 00

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

Peabody, Feb. 25, 1878.

Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:—

I submit to you the following as the report of the Lyceum and Library Committee for the year ending in February, 1878, also the reports of its Sub Committees and its Treasurer and Librarian.

Our review of the events of the year in our department of the government of the Institute and the conduct of its affairs affords nothing of special importance to be added to its written history. Its work has continued to go on smoothly in the promotion of intelligence, culture and the virtues which adorn society, and without any serious disturbance of the quiet and harmony that should prevail within its walls. A few breaches of decorum were reported early in the year but these were easily overcome by gentle admonition and without resort to more extreme measures than a slight police surveillance. The officials of the Institute have all attended to their duties with commendable promptness and faithfulness that have left nothing to be desired. The statistics carry with them ever increasing evidence that while the foundations of the Institute grow broader and deeper, and its resources multiply, so does it entrench itself ever more and more securely in the hearts and sympathy of those who enjoy its benefits.

Under the head of needs of the Institute it becomes my duty to call your special attention to the cataloguing department

of the Peabody Library. It will be remembered that in the year 1872 was completed the work of re-arranging and classifying the whole Library which had fallen into great confusion, and also the work of compiling and carrying through the press a new and elaborate catalogue, whereby the usefulness of the Library was immensely increased. These works proved to be both tedious and expensive compared with the best estimates that with our limited experience we had been able to make before entering upon them. We have learned that our experience in this matter has found a counterpart in that of several other Libraries of about equal size with our own, the cost of one of these, at least, being considerably greater than that of the Peabody Library.

The lessons which these experiences taught the Committee have not been lost. No pains have been spared to keep the classification and arrangement of the Library up to the high standard then established, notwithstanding the obstacles which the defects in the library room present to the complete attainment of that end. All additions to the books are regularly entered as soon as the books are received in a record book called the accession catalogue. Of course no classification is possible here; that is done by a method called the card catalogue. Every book is entered by its title and also by the name of its author, if known, on a separate card. These cards are arranged alphabetically, under the same heads as in a printed catalogue, in drawers where they can be examined in the same manner as one would search a printed book catalogue for the same information. But it is quite impracticable to use this card catalogue by the public, it is reserved for the convenience of the Librarian and the Committee. Hence when the num-

ber of books added to the Library, since the publication of the last catalogue, became large, the old troubles of the borrowers began to re-appear.

The numbers of books in the Library is now upwards of 18,000, about one-third more than when the catalogue of 1872 was issued. There is no remedy but to set about, as soon as may be, the preparation and printing of a supplementary catalogue. Fortunately, owing to the system that has been pursued for the past six years, much of the difficulty and expense attending the former general work will now be avoided. The classification and the cataloguing already exist, as has been now explained, and nothing is required but to combine the labors of the past six years in the catalogue form and send them to the printer. Our accomplished Librarian will see to it that this work is correctly done without assistance from abroad, and with the exception, possibly, of some additional clerical force for a limited time, the expense will be confined to the printing and binding bills.

The supplementary catalogue will contain about 4,500 books and will fill up by estimate 175 pages of printed matter. Some inquiries made as to the expense lead us to put it at from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per page and we are convinced by our experience that it can be done cheaper and more perfectly at our own local press than anywhere abroad.

We therefore respectfully ask your Board to make an adequate appropriation for this object without curtailing, if possible, that for the regular service of the various departments.

This report ought not to close without acknowledging the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Sutton in presenting to the Library of which she is the founder and patron so magnificent an illustra-

tion of high art as the copy of the famous Milton Shield, first seen at the Paris Exposition and again at Philadelphia, and agreed by the best judges to be by far the most successful result of artistic skill and taste exhibited at either place.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS M. STIMPSON,

Chairman Lyceum and Library Committee.

Report of Peabody Library Committee,

The Sub-Committee on the Peabody Library submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1878.

The past year has been without any particularly noticeable feature in the affairs of the Library. Such improvements as its growth seemed to require and experience has suggested have been made.

During the summer vacation more shelf room was obtained by the construction of two alcoves after the plan already adopted. These will accommodate about 3,000 volumes and have relieved the crowded condition of the shelves in the departments of Art, Science and Books of Reference.

Several catalogues of the additions to the Library during the year have been made by pasting the printed slips published in the Peabody Press into strong blank books bound for this purpose. They have found a large use among our borrowers and have greatly promoted the selection of books.

The names of 3,745 persons are now upon the index of borrowers, an increase of 257 for the past year. The number of books delivered was 37 less than during the year 1876, reaching a total of 30,486. The relative circulation in the different departments remains very nearly the same, Fiction retaining its leading position at 75 per cent. of the total.

Scientific Works, Books of Reference, Magazines and Miscellaneous Works have increased 3 per cent., while the other divisions have decreased in the same proportion.

1,097 volumes have been purchased during the year. Of these 92 were replacements and 1,005 were new books. Deducting the number that have been worn out and removed from circulation, and adding the 23 volumes presented to the Library, we have a net increase of 1,024 volumes.

Since the publication of the large catalogue in 1872, the Library has increased so rapidly that in order to index the new books upon the same plan, a volume of about 175 pages will be required. The whole number of books upon the shelves at the present time is 18,500, of which nearly one-fourth or about 4,500 volumes have been added since the main catalogue was printed. It seems very desirable that the preparation of the supplement should be undertaken during the coming summer.

In the early winter months some trouble was experienced in and about the Library room from the conduct of certain unruly boys. By order of the Selectmen, one of the police officers of the town has visited the Library once or twice during each evening. His presence and an occasional reprimand have been sufficient to secure that quiet and orderly behavior which is essential to the proper administration of the Library.

For the Committee,

J. H. OSGOOD, Chairman.

Report of the Lecture Committee.

To Chairman of Library and Lecture Committee.

The Lecture Committee arranged a course of ten lectures for the past season. These lectures were given by gentlemen of the highest culture and attainments, several of whom enjoy a national reputation. On nearly every evening the hall was crowded to overflowing. The lectures were listened to with marked attention and were deservedly popular.

The Committee desired to furnish three or four scientific lectures among the number, but were unable to secure any scholar of acknowledged ability and success to deliver such a course.

The following is a list of Lecturers and their subjects for 1877—78 :

OCT. 23, WENDELL PHILLIPS. Subject :—"Charles Sumner."

OCT. 30, BAYARD TAYLOR. Subject :—"Literature as an Art."

NOV. 6, HOMER B. SPRAGUE. Subject :—"John Milton

and Civil and Religious Liberty."

Nov. 13, REV. ROBERT COLLYER. Subject:—"Clear Grit."

Nov. 20, WALLACE BRUCE. Subject:—"Landmarks of Scott."

Nov. 27, REV. J. HYATT SMITH. Subject:—"From New York to Jerusalem."

Dec. 4, REV. SELAH MERRILL. Subject:—"Explorations in Palestine."

Dec. 11, REV. E. C. BOLLES. Subject:—"A May trip through England."

Dec. 18, PROF. J. W. CHURCHILL. Subject:—"Miscellaneous Readings."

Jan. 4, REV. JOSEPH COOK. Subject:—"Ultimate America."

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. HAM,

Chairman Lecture Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

(LIBRARY AND LYCEUM COMMITTEE.)

<i>Library and Lyceum Committee in account with F. C. Merrill, Treas.</i>			Dr.
1877.			
March 2,	To paid B. F. Steven's bill for stationery		\$2 94
19,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		78 79
30,	" Jonathan Perley's bill for binding		51 25
April 3,	" W. E. Simonds' bill for salary		25 00
3,	" Willie Potter's bill for salary		25 00
4,	" T. M. Osborne's bill for salary		250 00
4,	" Post Office bill		1 50
14,	" S. S. Gilson's bill for periodicals		111 15
21,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		10 20
21,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		116 22
May 14,	" Wm. Lefavonr's bill for books		1 00
15,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		116 06
15,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		30 10
June 11,	" Abbott B. Galloup's bill for services . . .		13 55
22,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		137 88
27,	" U. S. Commissioner of Patents, for Plans and Specifications of Drawings to February, 1878		30 60
July 2,	" T. M. Osborne's bill for salary		250 00
2,	" Post Office bill		3 04
2,	" W. E. Simonds' bill for salary		25 00
2,	" W. Potter's bill for salary		25 00
10,	" Munroe & Arnold's bill for express . . .		6 07
13,	" Jonathan Perley's bill for binding		32 10
13,	" J. W. Ripley's bill for binding		3 75
14,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		121 90
25,	" W. E. Simonds' bill for extra services . .		4 00
30,	" W. Potter's bill for extra services . . .		4 00
Aug. 17,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books		144 47
27,	" C. D. Howard's bill for printing		47 50

Sept.	3,	"	Jonathan Perley's bill for binding	109 30
	22,	"	B. B. Russell & Co's bill for book	1 25
	22,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	140 95
	22,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	18 75
Oct.	1,	"	T. M. Osborne's bill for salary	250 00
	1,	"	Post Office bill	4 63
	4,	"	W. E. Simonds' bill for salary	25 00
	4,	"	W. Potter's bill for salary	25 00
	4,	"	A. B. Galloupe's bill for services	9 25
	12,	"	B. F. Stevens' bill for incidentals	2 39
	12,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	13 64
	12,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	196 41
	12,	"	J. N. Han's bill for expenses	5 50
	12,	"	A. S. Wilkinsen's bill for services	3 00
	23,	"	Wendell Phillips, for lecture	75 00
	30,	"	Bayard Taylor, for lecture	100 00
Nov.	6,	"	Col. H. B. Sprague, for lecture	30 00
	13,	"	Robert Collyer for lecture	75 00
	13,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	130 29
	13,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	8 47
	15,	"	D. P. Grosvenor's bill for book	2 50
	15,	"	M. Sanson's bill for pens	3 00
	16,	"	Jonathan Perley's bill for binding	43 90
	20,	"	Wallace Bruce, for lecture	30 00
	24,	"	J. K. Cook & Co's bill for stamp	9 50
	27,	"	J. Hyatt Smith, for lecture	50 00
	30,	"	J. W. Ripley's bill for binding	3 75
Dec.	3,	"	O. D. Chase & Co's bill for atlas	15 00
	4,	"	Selah Merrill, for lecture	50 00
	8,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	169 78
	11,	"	E. C. Bolles, for lecture	50 00
	18,	"	J. W. Churchill, for readings	85 00
	18,	"	B. B. Russell's bill for books	4 20
	20,	"	Shoenhoff & Moeller's bill for books . .	52 00
	22,	"	Abbott B. Galloupe for services	6 25
	29,	"	J. W. Ripley's bill for binding	3 75
1878.				
Jan.	2,	"	T. M. Osborne's bill for salary	250 00
	4,	"	Post Office bill	1 10
	4,	"	W. E. Simonds' bill for salary	25 00
	4,	"	Joseph Cook, for lecture	100 00
	8,	"	W. F. Pingree's bill for attendance at lectures	10 00
	12,	"	C. D. Howard's bill for printing	13 50
	12,	"	B. M. Hill's bill for express	8 10
	12,	"	Munroe and Arnold's bill for express . .	5 90

12,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	189 06
14,	"	W. Potter's bill for salary	25 00
22,	"	Thomas W. Peasley's bill for attendance at lectures	9 00
26,	"	F. O. Parker's bill for attendance at lectures	9 00
29,	"	Eri Littlefield's " " "	10 00
Feb. 7,	"	C. D. Howard's bill for printing	37 00
8,	"	A. A. Wilkinson's bill for services . . .	6 50
11,	"	T. M. Osborne's bill paid for sundries . .	3 45
20,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	124 48
		Balance	565 69

4,861 41

Cr.

1877.			
Feb. 17,	By	Balance	\$299 16
April 7,	"	Draft on Trustees	1,500 00
Sept. 29,	"	" " "	1,500 00
1878.			
Jan. 2,	"	" " "	1,500 00
Feb. 7,	"	Received for fines	62 25

4,861 41

By Balance 565 69

Summary Statements of the foregoing Accounts:

Dr.

To paid for books	\$1,965 25
" " Binding	247 80
" " Lectures	688 50
" " Librarian	1,000 00
" " Assistant Librarians	246 55
" " Printing and Advertising	98 00
" " Express hire	20 07
" " Postage, Stationery, and Incidentals . .	29 55
Balance	565 69

4,861 41

Cr.

By Balance	299 16
" Drafts on Treasurer of Trustees	4,500 00
" Received for fines	62 25

4,861 41

By Balance 565 59

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EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Library and Lyceum Committee in account with F. C. Merrill, Treas.

1877.	Dr.	
March 2,	To paid B. F. Stevens' bill for sundries	\$2 04
19,	" W. F. Draper's bill for Bibleothecca Sacra	4 10
19,	" Prince Society's bill for books	3 50
22,	" Estes & Lauriat's bill for books	47 05
April 2,	" Gas bill	14 17
3,	" M. J. Floyd's bill for salary	62 50
3,	" Prince Society's bill for publications	12 50
June 1,	" B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery	1 40
July 2,	" M. J. Floyd's bill for salary	62 50
2,	" M. E. Morrison's bill	66
2,	" Gas bill	6 30
26,	" Munroe & Arnold's bill for express	1 65
Aug. 28,	" Sanger Hood & Co's bill for coal	66 50
Sept. 4,	" Willard Small's bill for books	52 00
Oct. 1,	" Gas bill	5 10
3,	" M. J. Floyd's bill for salary	62 50
13,	" J. H. Teague's bill for services as Janitor	50 00
Nov. 30,	" B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery	4 45
30,	" Isaac Hardy's bill for bark	4 50
1878.		
Jan. 1,	" Gas bill	13 80
1,	" M. J. Floyd's bill for salary	62 50
5,	" Notes and Queries bill	5 92
7,	" W. F. Draper's bill for Bibleothecca Sacra	4 10
12,	" New England Historical Society's bill	3 00
Feb. 7,	" C. D. Howard's bill for printing	3 50
20,	" Munroe & Arnold's bill for express	1 95
	Balance	\$87 89
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1877.		1,447 08
		Cr.
Feb. 17,	By Balance	408 34
Aug. 17,	" Sale of \$500 00 Gold Interest on Sutton Fund	525 62
Oct. 9,	" " \$500 00 " " " " " "	513 12
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		1,447 08
	By Balance	\$87 89

Summary of the foregoing Accounts:

	Dr.
To paid for Books	\$132 17
“ “ Printing	3 50
“ “ Librarian	250 00
“ “ Janitor	50 00
“ “ Fuel and Gas	112 03
“ “ Incidentals	11 49
Balance	887 89
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	1,447 03
	Cr.
By Balance	408 34
“ Income from Sutton Fund	1,038 74
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	1,447 03
By Balance	887 89

FRANK C. MERRILL, Treasurer.

Librarian's Report.

To the Lyceum and Library Committee.

I herewith submit the annual report of the condition of the Peabody Library for the year ending February 1, 1878.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year is 1,097. This includes 61 volumes of bound periodicals and 12 volumes of the new issue of Patent Office reports, besides 92 volumes of replacements and 6 volumes of duplicates of works previously reported; making the number of volumes of current and standard literature actually added to the Library 926.

23 volumes have been presented to the Library as follows:

Surgeon General, U. S. A.,	-	-	3 volumes
J. E. T. Bartlett,	-	-	3 "
Secretary of the Treasury,	-	-	2 "
Hon. Charles P. Thompson,	-	-	2 "
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Macmillan & Co.,	-	-	1 "
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The circulation of books during the year was 30 486 volumes. Of these 75 per cent. consisted of fiction, 5 per cent. travel and description of countries etc., 3 per cent. history, 3 per cent biography, 3 per cent scientific works and books of reference, 2 per cent. books on law and on mental, moral and social science, 2 per cent. poetry, 3 per cent. magazines and 4 per cent miscellaneous, including works in foreign languages, collections of miscellaneous works etc.

There are now 3,745 names of borrowers on the index book; of these 267 have been added during the year, 257 being new applicants for cards and 10 former holders of cards who had not for some time made use of their privilege. The amount of fines collected is \$62.25.

189 volumes have been worn out or mutilated; 92 volumes have been replaced and 384 volumes rebound. The replacements have not for some time kept pace with the losses, and there are now many works thrown aside which it would be desirable to replace.

The two new cases added during the summer have relieved the pressure of books in crowded departments and are already well filled.

Lists of the additions to the Library continue to be published in the Peabody Press and are pasted on the bulletin board as they are received. Six large blank books have been prepared to receive copies of these printed lists for the convenience of borrowers. The number of books added since

the printing of the catalogue in 1872 is so great and the different lists containing their titles are so many that it has become extremely inconvenient for borrowers to find the numbers of late books. The labor of making a sufficient number of manuscript catalogues is so great, and they are so soon out of date that it is quite useless to rely upon any attempt in that direction. The Librarian earnestly recommends that the Committee take immediate steps toward printing a supplementary catalogue as soon as possible; the early spring would be a convenient time for the undertaking. There is now material for about 175 pages of printed matter similar in form to the last printed catalogue.

THEODORE M. OSBORNE, Librarian.

Report of Committee on Sutton Reference Library.

The Committee in charge of the Eben Dale Sutton Library report that thirty volumes have been added to the Library this year, twenty-one having been purchased, eight volumes presented by Mrs. Eliza Sutton and one volume by Hon. Richard Frothingham of Bunker Hill District, Boston.

Mrs. Sutton has added to the number of valuable presents heretofore placed in the Library room, a copy of the "Milton Shield," the original of which was manufactured for the exhibition at Paris in 1867, and was purchased by the British Government for the Kensington Museum of Art and Science.

A list of books added this year is appended to this report.

The Librarian and Janitor have performed their duties with their usual faithfulness, promptitude and urbanity.

For the Committee,

BENJ. C. PERKINS, Chairman.

BOOKS ADDED TO E. D. SUTTON LIBRARY, 1877-78.

Memoir of John Wheelwright, Charles H. Bell, 1876.

Voyages of the Northmen to America, Rev. E. F. Slafter,
Ed. 1877.

N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, 1876, Vol. 30.

Bibliotheca Sacra for 1876, Vol. 33, Prof. Park and G. E.
Day, Eds.

Notes and Queries, 1876, Vols. 5 and 6 of 5th Series.

Public Libraries in the United States of America, 1876.

Index to Appleton's Annual Cyclopedia, 1861—1875.

5 Volumes Illustrated London News.

Globe Encyclopedia, Vols. 1, 2 and 3, A. Kells, 1876-77,
John M. Ross, Ed.

Eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Health of
Massachusetts, 1877.

L'Art Revue Hebdomadaire, Illustrée, A. Ballue, 3 vols.
1877.

Encyclopedia Britannica, Vols. 6 and 7, Cli—Eld, 1877.

Arabian Antiquities of Spain, James C. Murphy, 1813.

Foreign Cathedrals, Wild, Port Folio.

History of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, Geo. W. Warren, 1877.

Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature, McClintock and Strong, Vol. 7, New—Pes, 1877.

Yellowstone National Park, Prof. F. V. Hayden, 1876.

Keramic Art of Japan, Audsley and Bowes, 5 parts, Port Folio.

Le Costume Historique, M. A. Racinet, 2 Vols., Port Folio.

The following works have been added to the Library since the report of the Sub-Committee.

Cyclopedia of American Literature, E. A. and G. L. Duyckinck, Philadelphia, 2 Volumes, 1877.

Italy from the Alps to Mount Etna, Thomas A. Trollope, Ed. New York, 1877.

Rome, Introduction by W. W. Story, Francis Wey, New York, 1875.

Plants, their natural growth and ornamental treatment, F. Edward Hulme, London, 1874.

The Titian Gallery, Heliotypes, Boston, 1877.

Wild's English Cathedrals, 12 Plates in Port Folio.

Contemporary Art Etchings, Chromo-lithographs and Text, London, 1876.

Galerie du Palais Pitti. Louis Bardi, Ed., Florence, 4 Volumes, 1842-1845.

Johnson's Dictionary, Robert G. Latham, London, 4 Volumes, 1872.

New England Rarities, John Josselyn, Boston, 1865.

Two Voyages to New England, John Josselyn, Boston, 1865.

True Relation of Virginia, Capt. John Smith, Boston, 1866.

Advertisements for 'the Unexperienced Planters of New England, Capt. John Smith, Boston, 1865.

A Description of New England, Capt. John Smith, Boston, 1865.

Bibliotheca Sacra, Vol. 34, E. A. Park and G. E. Day, Eds., Andover, 1877.

Notes and Queries, Vols. 7 and 8, 5th Series, Dr. Do-
ran, Ed. London, 1877.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol.
31, John Ward Dean, Ed, Boston, 1877.

Voyages of the Northmen to America, Pub. of Prince So-
ciety, E. F. Slafter, Ed., Boston, 1877.

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George F. Sanger,	.	.	.	1869—1872
David R. Galloupe,	.	.	.	1869—1873
Joseph Henry Osgood,	.	.	.	1869—
Caleb F. Winchester,	.	.	.	1869—1872
D. P. Grosvenor, Jr.,	.	.	.	1870—1871
Henry H. Proctor,	.	.	.	1871—1875
Henry Wardwell,	.	.	1871—1874,	1875—
J. T. Mahoney,	.	.	.	1871—
Byron Groce,	.	.	.	1872—1875
Arthur F. Poole,	.	.	.	1873—
Thomas Carroll,	.	.	.	1874—
James N. Ham,	.	.	.	1875—
Frank C. Merrill,	.	.	.	1875—

*Deceased.



